

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

August 27—High 88, Low 43
Precipitation as of August 21, 1942
Last year 16.79
Normal 12.37
Stream year to date 13.20

ALLIES LASH JAPS IN NEW GUINEA

Air War Stepped Up

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WE seem to have won the second round of the battle of the Solomons. No celebrations, however, are in order. We don't know HOW MANY ROUNDS the battle will go.

THERE is an interesting development in the news today. What is described as "one of the highest government authorities in Washington" warns us not to interpret our successes so far as a major victory. He says the current battle of the Solomons has fallen into two phases. The first phase included the landing of 700 Japs, who were wiped out, and smaller attacks by Jap planes, in which we came out pretty well, destroying 40 enemy aircraft and losing four of our own.

The second phase, in which units of the Jap fleet moved in on the Solomons, was not a full scale offensive, but a reconnaissance in force. These Jap fleet units withdrew.

Our Washington "authority" says: "We hit some ships and hope we sank some, but we'd hate to have people get the idea a major victory was scored."

WITH news, sharply censored and only the holders knowing what is really going on, it seems to this writer to be a good idea to have some well-informed insider give us the drift of events from time to time. (Assuming that we can have nothing better.)

The British have been using this system for a long time and it has worked fairly well.

THE point is that if the public isn't kept reasonably well informed it will jump to conclusions—many of which will be wrong. Conclusions aren't much good unless they are based on FACTS, and in modern warfare only a few insiders have all the facts.

AS a matter of fact, we shall be wise if we adopt toward the whole war situation this same attitude of caution.

The situation in Europe isn't encouraging. The idea that the Russians are waiting only for the psychological moment to jump onto the Germans and destroy them hasn't much left to stand on. The psychological moment is HERE. If something isn't done soon, it will be too late.

The fact that our side hasn't started a second front must be taken as indicating that we haven't the resources YET to do it and get away with it.

We'd have started a second front already if we had been prepared to do it successfully. It is becoming apparent that it will be 1943 before our side is ready to bring its full weight to bear.

DON'T get scared. Don't become discouraged. When our side DOES get its strength fully marshaled and ready to be brought to bear, things will begin to happen.

Don't be gloomy. Be REALISTIC.

SOMETHING queer is going on in China. The Japs are retreating. The Chinese are advancing. Already the little yellow men have given up most of their gains made in May and June. The Chinese are reported to-day to have taken Chuihsien, with its air field—said to be the most important in China. They are reported to be reaching for the east of Chuihsien, well to the east of Lishui, well to the east of Shanghai.

These fields are within EASY BOMBING RANGE of JAPAN. (Continued on Page Two)

NAZI CITIES POUNDED; 30 PLANES LOST

RAF Blow at Kassel, Gdynia Held Aid To Russia

LONDON, Aug. 28 (AP)—In twin raids on the key plane-producing center of Kassel and the Baltic port of Gdynia in former Poland, the RAF spread the massed might of its bombers last night from end to end of Germany, the British announced today.

To carry the great onslaught to smash the Nazi war machine across the whole breadth of Germany to Gdynia, the British had to fly more than 1,000 miles round-trip from their home bases under a moonlit sky.

This was another long step forward in the avowed British policy to help Soviet Russia—a smash at the Baltic harbor where the 26,000-ton German battleship Gneisenau was known to have been recently and at an important base for U-boat operations against the Red Navy's Baltic fleet.

30 Lost

Besides 30 bombers lost in what was called a "concentrated and effective" bombardment of Kassel, the air ministry announced that two fighter planes were downed in night sweeps over enemy-occupied France in which Hurricane fighter-bombers left two ships burning in the channel.

Attack Spreads

Keeping up the attack on a day and night basis, fighter planes roared across the channel throughout the morning, and in the afternoon a powerful force of bombers escorted by fighters swept eastward toward France. By striking at Kassel with a force probably some 600 planes strong, Britain's big night raiders hit a source of Messerschmitt (Continued on Page Two)

British Raid Sicilian Towns

ROME (From Italian Broadcasts), Aug. 28 (AP)—British air raiders attacked the Sicilian towns of Gela and Comiso last night, but caused only minor damage and a few civilian casualties, the Italian high command reported today.

One of the raiders was shot down in flames and another made a forced landing after being damaged by anti-aircraft fire, a communique said.

Public Health Authorities Start Alaoma Flood Probe

An investigation of sanitation and health aspects of the two-year-old Alaoma flood has been instituted by public health authorities, while from other sources an attempt has been made to work out a plan for closing the broken dike and eliminating the flood conditions, it was learned Friday.

Earl C. Reynolds, secretary of the Klamath county chamber of commerce, has written Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, calling attention to the flood and its possible effect on health and sanitation conditions. Chamber directors approved Reynolds' letter.

Study Made

Stricker replied to Reynolds that he had referred the matter to the state sanitary engineer. Meanwhile, Dr. Peter Rosendal, county health officer, revealed that his office and that of the county sanitarian, Lloyd Seely, had made a study of the flood, taking samples of the water and making other investigations that

Flying Forts Return Safely From French Raid

LONDON, Aug. 28 (AP)—United States Flying Fortresses, striking over France in their sixth attack of the war, bombed the airplane factory at Mesulles near Albert, northern France, today and all returned safely.

Spitfires flown by members of the United States army air force also took part in the daylight operations. They were among the many squadrons of fighters which carried out sweeps from St. Omer to Etretat, a communique said.

The text of the announcement from the United States army headquarters and the British air ministry said:

"This afternoon Flying Fortresses (B-17's) of the United States army air force, escorted by Spitfires of the RAF, dominion and allied forces, bombed an airplane factory at Mesulles near Albert.

"Many other squadrons of fighters, including United States army air force Spitfires, carried out sweeps from St. Omer to Etretat.

"All of the Flying Fortresses (Continued on Page Two)

CHINESE REOCCUPY 'BOMB JAPAN' BASE

200 Miles of Vital Jap-Held Rail Recaptured

CHUNGKING, Aug. 28 (AP)—The Chinese have reoccupied Chuihsien, western Chekiang province, and have reoccupied the great airfield just outside the city, most important of the east China bases from which Japan could be bombed, Chinese dispatches from the front declared today.

Chinese columns made their way into the city at 4 o'clock this morning, the dispatches said, and the air field was in their possession shortly thereafter.

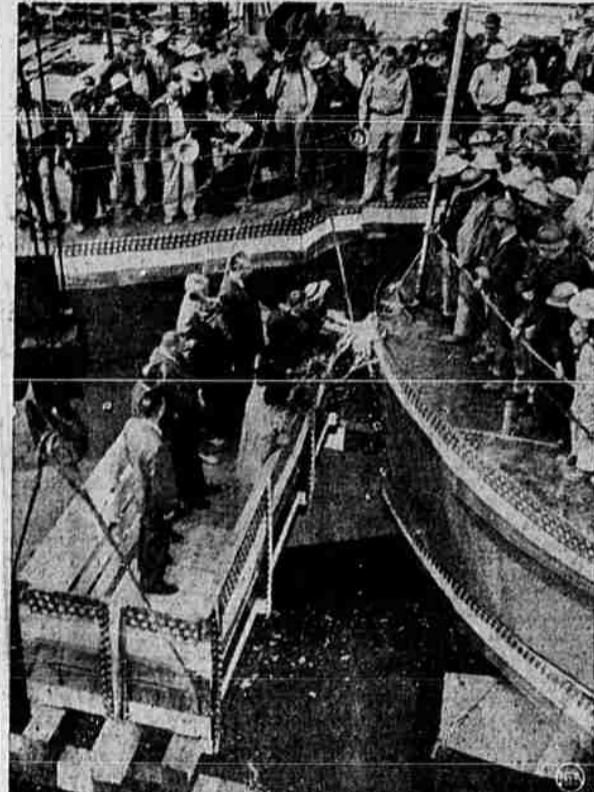
Base Entered

A little earlier the Chinese high command had reported the Japanese attempting to put the field out of commission by systematic destruction, preparatory to their retreat from this strategic base, which they had held since late May.

The high command communique also reported that Lishui, site of the second most important "Bomb Japan" base in east China, had been entered by Chinese forces which were engaged in fierce fighting within the city.

The recapture of the Chuihsien (Continued on Page Two)

Two Ships—22 Working Days



Here's a special launching for two special ships at Alameda, Calif. From a platform in mid-air, Vivien Boersig smashes a bottle of champagne on the stern of the cargo ship Reuben Snow as the Galah Sprague awaits christening in the twin ceremony. Only 22 working days were spent on the vessels from keel laying to launching.

British Planes Join Campaign Against U-Boats

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (AP)—The navy announced today that British planes and fliers have joined the anti-submarine campaign in the western Atlantic.

The official statement said: "Aircraft of the Royal Air Force coastal command are co-operating with the United States navy and army aircraft in anti-submarine operations in the western Atlantic and have already engaged the enemy."

The reference to "aircraft" was interpreted by navy spokesmen to mean both planes and personnel had been dispatched from the British Isles to the United States to aid intensification of the war on the U-boats—a war which naval officials say has been increasingly successful in the last two months.

British naval units have been making a similar contribution to the surface phase of the anti-submarine war since early this summer.

Navy Tells Sinking of U. S. Destroyer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (AP)—Fog-shrouded waters of the Atlantic today had claimed the U. S. destroyer Ingraham, a relatively new warship which was built only slightly more than a year ago at the Charleston, S. C., navy yard.

The navy gave no details. The sinking was announced as a part of communique 113, which had only this to say about it: "Atlantic

3. The U. S. destroyer Ingraham has been sunk as a result of a collision in a fog in the Atlantic.

"The next kin of those lost have been notified."

"The normal complement of the ship was 175."

Was It Really Last Sunday You Were So Hot?

The recent cold snap, though unreasonable, is not "unusual," since it follows the pattern of 1941 when the maximum temperature on August 27 was listed by the weather man as 85 and the minimum 41. Yesterday's figures were just a degree or two up with 88 degrees maximum and 43 degrees minimum.

Could it be only last Sunday that people were complaining about the heat as the mercury soared to 96? It could be, and was!

WAGE ISSUE TO GO BEFORE WLB

PIRC-CIO Parley Here Ends in "No Settlement"

Negotiations here between the Pine Industrial Relations committee and the CIO International Woodworkers of America over a union demand for a 15-cent per hour wage increase today had ended with no settlement reached and the entire issue placed before the war labor board by a CIO petition.

The union was seeking a 95-cent minimum for more than 6000 of its members from Sacramento, Calif., to Heppner, Ore. Represented in the negotiations were the Klamath Basin District council and the California provisional committee of the CIO-IWA.

Not Justified

Merton T. Owre, secretary-manager of the PIRC, said the group took the position that a wage increase was not justified inasmuch as boosts since January 1 had already exceeded the rise in cost of living in the area affected. He pointed out that the union in June was granted a 7 1/2-cent per hour increase in a war labor board decision.

Owre said that PIRC members were heading admonitions by President Roosevelt that the country's economic structure must not be thrown out of balance.

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FDR Considers "Meatless Day" To Ease Shipping

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (AP)—President Roosevelt visualizing the possibility of the imposition of a meatless day each week on the American people, declared today that this would permit the freeing of 30 or 40 cargo ships now used to transport meat.

He told his press conference he did not know when the people might be asked to give up meat one day a week, inasmuch as the full effect on the difficult problem of transportation still was under study.

But he said that 30 or 40 vessels now bringing meat from New Zealand, Australia and Argentina could be devoted to transportation of tanks, planes and munitions, if a meatless day were instituted.

Soviets Block Nazis

STALINGRAD BATTLE RAGES TO CLIMAX

Reds Push Offensive On Rzhev; Caucasus Struggle Slows

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Aug. 28 (AP)—Battle-grimed German forces which fought their way 400 miles from the Ukraine to the Volga valley reached the distant approaches to Stalingrad today, but Russian dispatches said they were blocked there by swarms of red army infantry who closed in from all sides.

The situation at the great Volga city of Stalin admittedly was grave, with the fight raging to a climax, but Russian reports took the encouraging tone that shock troops of the Nazi assault had been forced to form the classic round defense and fight for survival.

The main German forces streamed up from the rear in a desperate attempt to make good their breakthrough by force of numbers, and dive bombers began destructive attacks on the city.

While the land and air battle for the "City of Stalin" raged to full violence, the red army was hammering home its own offensive in the suburbs of Nazi-held Rzhev where the Germans held out 130 miles from Moscow through last winter's Russian push.

Red Star declared that the fight for Stalingrad held "the key to victory," so important was regarded the great industrial town which sprawls for miles along the low west bank of the mighty Volga.

With the stiffening of the Russian last ditch stand there, (Continued on Page Two)

German Shepherd Dog Saves Life of 10-Year-Old Girl

TACOMA, Aug. 28 (AP)—The quick thinking of Wolf, a German shepherd dog, saved the life today of his 10-year-old mistress when he pushed her out of the path of a speeding automobile.

The little girl, Wyona Birkmaier, suffered a broken arm as she fell across the dog's body and hit a curbstone.

"The girl and her dog were walking across a bridge when she suddenly decided to cross the driveway, unmindful of an approaching automobile.

The dog saw the danger and threw his entire body against her, knocking her over his back, but in the direction of the curb.

Kaiser's Man



Charles H. Mack, above, resigned as Klamath county assessor Friday to take a Portland position with the Kaiser company. His war industry partners, Fred Langell was named by the county court to serve out Mack's term as assessor.

LANGELL APPOINTED TO REPLACE MACK

Former Assessor Resigns to Enter War Work

Fred Langell, for three years deputy county assessor, became county assessor by county court appointment Friday after Charles H. Mack resigned to go into war industry work.

Mack said he had taken an administrative position with the Kaiser company at Portland, where the company operates a huge shipyard.

Recommended In resigning, Mack recommended Langell's appointment.

The new assessor is a member of a pioneer Klamath county family. He attended Oregon State college. He has done work with the city engineering department, and just prior to going into the assessor's office was doing engineering work for the USSR CCC camp at Merrill. He is married and owns his own home at 912 North Ninth street.

Langell's term as assessor will end with the calendar year. Candidates for the office at the (Continued on Page Two)

ENEMY FLEES POSITIONS IN TULAGI AREA

Major Victory Not Yet Achieved, Says Official

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (AP)—An admonition against any descriptions of the current operations in the Solomon Islands as having brought a major victory for the United Nations came today from one of the highest government authorities.

This authority, who preferred that his name not be used, said that there actually had been two phases of Japanese activities since American forces established themselves in the southeastern Pacific. And he said he was worried lest the press lead the country to believe a great, smashing victory had been achieved.

Two Phases The first phase, he said, was the landing of 700 Japanese, who were wiped out, on Guadalcanal island, and a series of smaller attacks by planes in which we came off pretty well, destroying 30 or 32 Jap aircraft and losing four.

The second phase, he said, should not be called a full scale offensive but a reconnaissance in force. This was the movement on the Solomons of units of the Japanese fleet.

The reconnaissance force, the authority asserted, was withdrawn. We hit some ships, he said, and we hope we sank some, but we would hate to have the people get the idea that a major victory was scored.

Mine Battle Enemy forces which landed two days ago at Milne Bay, some (Continued on Page Two)

Snowstorm Hits Goodrich Lake

BAKER, Aug. 28 (AP)—A snowstorm was encountered at the Baker city reservoir at Goodrich lake yesterday by W. F. Smith, city water commissioner, and George Henry, former city water commissioner, who were there on a trip of inspection.

The properties supplying the city water system were found to be in excellent condition.

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Makin Island Raid Revealed As 2-Day Job of Slaughter and Destruction

By WALTER B. CLAUSEN
PEARL HARBOR, T. H., Aug. 28 (AP)—A force of 350 Japs—virtually every defender—was wiped out and all sea-plane installations methodically wrecked by U. S. marines during the recent Makin island raid, now disclosed by eyewitnesses to have been a two-day job of slaughter and destruction.

Contrasting with earlier reports of a hit-and-run raid, participants, including Major James Roosevelt, son of the president, made it clear that the scrappy marines even hunted the few Jap stragglers still alive before withdrawing to ships.

8 Japs Left

And so stealthily was the landing during a moonless night on the northernmost island of the Jap-held Gilbert group, 1500 miles northeast of the Sol-

omons, that the marines had been ashore for 20 minutes, deployed for battle, before the Japs discovered them.

"The morning of the second day, only eight Japanese were left on the island," related Lieut.-Col. Evans F. Carlson, of Plymouth, Conn., commander of the marines.

"We wiped out all we could find and, after a checkup with the natives, found only two Japanese unaccounted for. I cannot disclose our casualties but I will say the Japanese losses on land alone were more than 10 to 1 of our losses, not counting the 150 Japs lost at sea or in planes."

Natives Cooperated

Other dramatic episodes gleaned from the eyewitness accounts: Jap snipers, strapped to cocoanut trees, fired at Major Roose-

velt but missed. "I fired two shots at snipers," was all the eldest son of the president would say concerning his personal activity.

The island's 1700 natives gladly worked with the invaders and their king gave his sarong to Capt. James Davis, of Evanston, Ill., who lost his pants in action. Captain Davis donned it.

Sergeant Jim Faulkner, of Red Oak, Tex., caught four Jap bullets, muttered "dammit" each time, then carried on until led reluctantly away to an operating table. And there he bellowed at the surgeon that he was being pimped.

Walk to Lingo

Private John Hawkins, of Southgate, Calif., killed three Japs before he was wounded so seriously that he was rushed (Continued on Page Two)